

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Lee county voted against open saloons in a local option election held under the County Unit law. The saloon men made no fight, but will contest the election, alleging irregularities.

Kentucky's mineral products last year were valued at \$14,871,811, according to a summary issued by the United States Geological Survey.

President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, was stricken with a sudden heart attack Friday and expired before the arrival of a physician.

A bulletin issued to-day by the Department of Agriculture shows that Kentucky led all other States in the production of yellow poplar lumber in 1906, and that Indiana led in the production of hickory and walnut lumber.

Kentucky, in 1906, produced 122,500 feet of yellow poplar lumber from 309 mills. This was 31 per cent. of all the yellow poplar lumber in the United States.

Unknown men fired volley after volley of rifle balls into the home of Hiram Mullins, in Breathitt county, seriously wounding Mullins and his son. The general store of Elbert Hargis was broken open earlier and all the cartridges it contained were taken.

Suit was filed at Frankfort for \$25,000 damages for the death of a convict in the penitentiary who was killed inside the walls, by a live wire. E. T. Lillard, former warden, is the administrator.

Gov. Beckham offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of Tom Wilson, the painter who ran amuck in Bowling Green, wounding six persons. The victims of the crazed man are slowly improving, and it is believed none will die.

Sturgis, Ky., Dec. 26.—The excitement due to the riot here Monday night between mine guards and non-union miners of the one side and the striking miners on the other, as the result of which three men were killed and a number injured, has subsided. It is not thought there will be any more trouble, as the officers claim they have the situation well in hand.

Fourteen union men who were guarding Quin Moore, a wounded mine guard, to prevent any aid from being given him in order to allay his suffering, have dispersed.

The fight took place outside the pool and billiard room operated by a man named Holman.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.—At nine o'clock on Christmas day, Thomas Beasley, a well-known negro of this city, and a former slave of the Clay family, became 100 years old. He was born in Bourbon county at nine a. m. December 29, 1806, and was a slave.

Gen. Green Clay, father of Gen. Cassius M. Clay, of Madison county, the famous abolition leader and United States Minister to Russia, and Brutus J. Clay, of Bourbon county, at one time a Congressman from the Ashland district.

Beasley's mother nursed Gen. Cassius Clay when he was a baby, and Gen. Clay held his old black "mammy" in such high esteem that when she died he paid \$300 for the casket in which she was buried. Much of Beasley's boyhood was spent in the service of Gen. Cassius Clay, but for twenty-five years, up to 1896, he worked for John N. Wilson, of this county. For ten years he has been dependent upon Col. George W. Bain and Mrs. C. W. Townsend for support.

Miss Laura Clay, of this city, the widely known advocate of woman's suffrage and a daughter of Gen. Cassius M. Clay, was in her possession the old family Bible containing a record of Beasley's birth.

On Christmas day she presented him with a home at Berea, Ky., where he will spend his remaining days. His memory is unimpaired and he talks entertainingly of Henry Clay, Richard M. Johnson, Thomas Marshall and other distinguished Kentuckians whom he has seen and heard. He has always used tobacco and "a little dram" has always been welcome to him.

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Married on Saturday evening, Miss Lou Cyrus of this place, and a Mr. Lambert, of Sidney, W. Va. Also, on Sunday evening Mr. Jerry Smith and Miss Mary Alley, both of this place. And the prospects are good for several more weddings during the holidays.—Centerville item.

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Friday as Mont Newman, a farmer living near Four Poles below Central City, was walking over the ground under the high Camden Inter-State bridge at that point, he stumbled over the body of a dead man, much to his surprise and consternation.

Investigation revealed the fact that the man, who was colored, had fallen off the bridge to the bottom below, and that the water which had been running in the creek had covered the body. The water had receded. In this way, Newman found the body.

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Advance sheets from the biennial report of Warden Haddock, of the West Virginia penitentiary, to the board of directors of the prison show that seven hundred and eleven convicts have been received during the biennial period, and 636 have been discharged by virtue of expiration of sentences, paroles, pardons, and deaths. The population of the institution at this time is 1,232. It reached its highest point on the 3rd day of August, 1906, with a population of 1,274, and is always lower about October 1 than at any other time during the year.

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Chester, W. Va., Dec. 29.—One of the largest coal companies ever formed in the State has just been granted a charter by the Secretary of State. The company was formed at Ashland, Ky. The new million-dollar concern will be known as the Camden-Mayo Coal Company with chief office to be located in Boyd county. The incorporators are J. W. M. Stewart, B. E. Whitman, James G. Serey and John M. Hopkins, all of Ashland.

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A deal has been consummated by which the Norfolk and Western railway company has taken over the property of the Big Sandy, East Lynn and Guyan Railway. This line was constructed in the summer of 1903, by a syndicate headed by Senator B. J. Pritchard, chief owner of the rich coal deposits in the East Lynn territory. The road extends from the junction with the Norfolk and Western, at Wayne, to East Lynn, nine miles south. When the enterprise was first launched, it was planned to operate the mines at East Lynn on a grand scale. A company was formed in which were interested numerous capitalists of East Radford, and Richmond, Va., and Captain Perry, of Alabama. The road was constructed, and a considerable sum expended in developing the mines. When the work of development was about completed the stockholders disagreed among themselves. Then ensued a long period of litigation which greatly retarded the work, and gave the enterprise a set-back from which it never fully recovered. Meantime Senator Pritchard sold out his holdings in the company, and the entire management devolved upon Captain Perry.

The deal is considered to be one of vast importance. This is not true primarily because of the amount involved in dollars and cents, but because of the significance attached. It is claimed by persons in good position to know that it is the intention of the Norfolk and Western to extend the line many miles south, ultimately to connect with the C. and O. on the Guyan. This, it is claimed, is a move to head off the Deepwater, and at the same time it will open a territory rich in coal and timber. The east fork of Twelve

Pole river has decidedly the richest vein of canal coal in the country. There are various seams of both hard and soft coals encountered in the territory, and the development of this section will open up a main region second to few in West Virginia. For several months the relations between the Norfolk and Western and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company have grown very seriously close, and it has been perjoined interests in the fight against the Deepwater in southern West Virginia.

In this connection is also believed that the long cherished purpose of the C. and O. for a direct route to Columbus, over the tracks of the Norfolk and West will be achieved, through an agreement entered into between the two companies.

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Miss Rebecca Garrett, daughter of Morgan Garrett, of Wayne, died Monday at the home of her sister, Mrs. John B. Burgess, at Ardell. She will be buried in the family cemetery to-day.

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Gle E. Sansom, son of H. W. Sansom, of this place, was drowned in Beech Fork last Monday evening, while running to a tie raft. He was accompanied by Sam Blankenship, Jr. The stream was at very high tide and they were trying to tie the raft up. Sammie jumped off to make the line fast, leaving Okie on the raft. In checking the fleet the current was so strong the raft sank, carrying Okie to a watery grave. The surrounding water has been seined and dragged for him, but as yet his body has not been recovered. He leaves a wife and one child and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Little Frank Sansom, son of H. W. Sansom, got kicked by a mule this morning and was terribly cut and bruised about the face and behind the ear. Hope the accident will not prove fatal. Dr. Hanfield was summoned and dressed the wounds. This is a trying time on the heart-stricken parents—one son suffering at home and their other son, Okie, covered with sediment and water and cannot be found in Beech Fork. Hope their future days will be brighter than the present ones.—Wayne News.

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Weston, W. Va., December 26.—A gas explosion at Heater Station last night, burned to death the three youngest children of Stanley Singleton, aged 13, 11 and 8 years.

They occupied the room in which the explosion occurred. It was about two hours after the family had all retired. It is supposed the gas accumulated from a leaky valve. The father and mother, with two grown children, got out of the house, but the three little ones could not be got out and were seen to perish in the flames by the rest of the family, who were powerless to give them aid, the room being on fire all over, and the walls falling in.

The house, with all its contents, was destroyed, together with the other houses in the village, all owned by R. M. Smith and Co., of Parkersburg. They have a large lumber plant at that place.

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The Bluefield Leader is now an afternoon paper. Huntington, W. Va., December 20.—Lester Galloway, of this place, died in the Kesler Hotel here this evening, the result of a shot wound received in a fight with Lucius Adkins at Minkoff. Yesterday Adkins may receive, though he was shot twice by Galloway. The men had been enemies.

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Mrs. Mary Trout, wife of John W. Trout, died at her home on Tom's creek Thursday morning from the effects of burns she received the evening before. On Wednesday evening, while her husband was absent from the house the clothing of Mrs. Trout became ignited, supposedly from an open grate, and before the flames could be extinguished she was so horribly burned that she died next morning. Mrs. Trout had been demented for over a year.



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